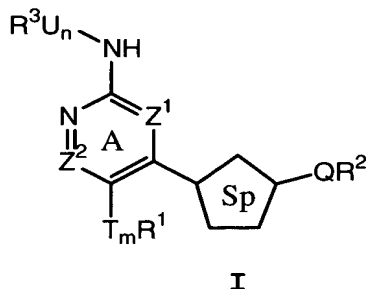


Abstract

Described herein are compounds that are useful as protein kinase inhibitors having the formula:



wherein Z^1 and Z^2 are each independently nitrogen or CH and Ring A, T_mR^1 , QR^2 , U_nR^3 , and Sp are as described in the specification. The compounds are especially useful as inhibitors of ERK2 and for treating diseases in mammals that are alleviated by a protein kinase inhibitor, particularly diseases such as cancer, inflammatory disorders, restenosis, diabetes, and cardiovascular disease.

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